

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RECOGNIZING THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FAIRFAX COUNTY ALUMNAE CHAPTER OF DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 29, 2018

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the Fairfax County Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority and to congratulate them on their 25th anniversary. Since its establishment in 1993, the Fairfax County Alumnae Chapter has continued the mission established by Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated of social action through volunteerism, advocacy, public service, and civic engagement.

The chapter makes a difference in the lives of many in our community through such programs as Delta Academy and Delta Gems, EMBODI, supplying backpacks to children residing at the Katherine Hanley Family Shelter, and providing more than \$300,000 in scholarships for students attending institutions of higher education.

This year, in honor of the 25th anniversary of the Chapter, an additional \$25,000.00 in scholarships is being awarded. It is my honor to include in the RECORD the following names of this year's scholarship recipients.

Sinclair Jones, Lauryn Mann, Hannah King, Jessica Kitchings, Lauren Dessaure, Alissa Wells, Rachel Jackson, Danielle Newsome.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Fairfax County Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority on its 25th anniversary and in thanking them for their continued contributions to our community. Their efforts, made on behalf of others, are truly selfless and worthy of our highest praise. It is continued contributions like theirs that make Northern Virginia one of the best places in the country in which to live, work, and raise a family. I wish the sorority and its members continued success in their future endeavors.

RECOGNIZING "ORIGINS" HISPANIC CULTURE EVENT

HON. ILEANA ROS-LEHTINEN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 29, 2018

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize "Origins," an exciting cultural event taking place in my Congressional district. This event begins on the evening of June 29th at the J.W. Warner House; a historic landmark in South Florida and home to the Miami Hispanic Ballet. It will be a celebration of Hispanic art, music, and cuisine.

The event will include a number of different experiences that combine the talent and creativity of people from across Latin America.

Attendees will experience and indulge in Cuban art, Venezuelan music, and Ecuadorian cuisine, and so much more.

"Origins" highlights the distinct cultures that inhabit Miami and is a great representation of the rich Hispanic heritage that helps shape the American mosaic and South Florida community we call home. Our community is strengthened by events such as these, which teach younger generations about their cultural roots and promote the countless contributions Hispanics have made to the United States.

I want to thank Catherine Alarcon for organizing "Origins" and I encourage everyone in our South Florida community to attend this rich celebration of Hispanic culture.

RECOGNIZING THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF FACETS

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 29, 2018

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize a group of individuals who have made a tremendous contribution to our community. Founded thirty years ago this year, FACETS is a nonprofit organization dedicated to helping those in our community who are suffering from the effects of poverty. This help takes many forms.

My first exposure to FACETS's work was delivering hot meals with founder Linda Wimpey, when I was the Providence District Representative to the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors. It was a profound experience I will never forget. Those hot meals were for individuals who were homeless. As we approached the delivery site, I remember seeing men and women emerging from the woods in business suits, ready to collect a hot meal before heading off to work. They may have been suffering from homelessness, however they still maintained their dignity. The work we were doing helped them with that.

For someone in this situation, knowing you are part of a community that cares and will give you the assistance necessary to get back on your feet, can help ease the burden of your plight. In a county as economically prosperous as Fairfax County, it can be easy to forget there are still citizens who go without the most basic necessities. Organizations like FACETS are helping to make sure the number of those citizens declines and eventually disappears.

During my tenure as Chairman of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, we developed a ten-year plan to prevent and end homelessness. The efforts of FACETS and many others are why the percentage of homeless individuals in Fairfax County has declined by 47 percent since 2008.

There are very few places in the National Capital Region, and even the country, that can attest to the same kind of success.

While working to prevent and end homelessness is one of FACETS primary missions,

they also contribute to the community in other critical ways. Chief among these is providing educational resources for those living with low incomes to ensure they are given the tools necessary to break the cycle of poverty. Programs for youth include academic tutoring, substance abuse prevention, self-esteem, and college or career planning. Approximately 65 percent of the youth who participated in academic tutoring made the honor roll, and in 2015, all graduating high-school seniors went on to higher forms of education. Programs for adults include computer and financial literacy, career development, and ESL. Programs like these ensure our community is working not only to address the symptoms of poverty, but also to eliminate the root causes.

Mr. Speaker, I extend my congratulations to Bob Grimmert, Chairman of the Board of Directors, and Joe Fay, the Executive Director, as well as all the members of the Board of Directors, staff, and volunteers who have contributed their time, energy, and resources to FACETS over the last thirty years. Your support is part of why Fairfax County remains one of the best places in the country in which to live, work, and raise a family, and I commend you all for your service to our community. I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating FACETS on this tremendous anniversary.

HONORING SCOTT FLEMING

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 29, 2018

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing Scott Fleming for his 17 years of outstanding service as Associate Vice President for Federal Relations at Georgetown University here in the District of Columbia.

In February 2001, Scott joined Georgetown after an extensive career in public service. During his time at Georgetown, he has helped secure crucial support for various student financial aid programs, Title VI international programs and programs managed by the school's Center for Intercultural Education and Development. In addition, he has served as a member of Georgetown's veterans support team to help increase student benefits for veterans who attend Georgetown, and has worked on legislation to protect Dreamers. Scott has also served as a faculty mentor with the Georgetown Scholarship Program, where he hosted students at his home on numerous occasions, and has participated in Georgetown's Community Scholars Program.

Scott has also taught several modules at Georgetown's McCourt School of Public Policy on the issues of lobbying and government relations, and has participated in the Georgetown Summer Fellows Program as a faculty advisor. He is a former member of Georgetown's Licensing Oversight Committee and the Board of Advisors for Georgetown's Walsh

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